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# America remembers its heroes Monday

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Today 48/30 partly cloudy Saturday 43/32 mixed precip Sunday 33/23 snow flurries

Monday 33/18 mostly cloudy

Weather information courtesy 319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

# Base Y Warriors

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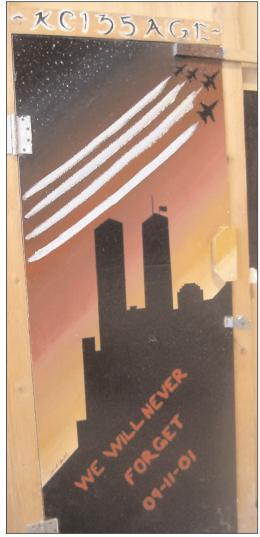
# Veterans Day Race

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#### New chiefs!

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgts. **Jon D. Saiers**, 319th Mission Support Group, and **Ron J. Gallucci**, 319th Mission Support Squadron, on their selection for chief master sergeant Wednesday.

# Heating up: Base Y Warriors support OEF



Photos by Capt. Patricia Lang

A cabinet door at the tanker operations aerospace ground equipment section at Base Y serves as a constant reminder to Warriors of the North as to why they're deployed.



Squadron, works on installing a drive belt on a self-generating nitrogen cart at Base Y.



Staff Sgt. Mickey Scumaci, 319th Maintenance Squadron, takes time out for a meal in the dining tent at Base Y.





Veterans Day 2002: This issue of The Leader is dedicated to informing readers on the importance of Veteran's Day, and highlights area events base members are supporting.



88%

Air Refueling Effectiveness Rate from Oct. 28 through Nov. 3.

DWI-free days. The base gets a down day for 100 DWI-free days.

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# Base resumes anthrax vaccination program

By Capt. Patricia Lang
Public affairs

Tuesday, base airmen deploying to high threat areas will once again begin receiving the anthrax vaccine here. But there's no need to call to ask for the protection; if you are slated to go to a high-threat area, your name will automatically come up on a list. Your unit deployment manager will notify you.

The Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program began in 1998, primarily for those assigned or deployed to Southwest Asia and Korea.

Changes since then restricted vaccine administration to a small number of people as part of a slowdown resulting from production and supply issues. With those issues resolved, the program resumed in late June.

The base expects to have 400 dosages on hand by December, and typically each person receives a series of six shots over an 18-month period.

Maj. Steven Tinc, wing public health officer just returned from a 45-day deployment, has had all six shots.

He's deployed to high-threat places, he said, "CNN doesn't even talk about," but he'll be first to tell you he "was just happy" for protection from anthrax. He expects

to receive his annual booster — his seventh shot — by December.

"The anthrax vaccine," he said, "is the around-theclock protection antibiotics just can't give you. I didn't meet anyone over there who wasn't happy they had their shots"

A veterinarian by trade who learned of the vaccine in vet school, Tinc said he's known a number of vets who've had the vaccine, which he said "protects very well against all forms of anthrax."

"To die from anthrax is a horrible death," he said, "because your brain practically turns to mush."

The Air Force carefully tracks reactions to the shot. "I've had worse reactions with my rabies shot," Tinc said. "We are seeing the same or fewer reactions than vaccines we use all the time, like the hepatitis and tetanus vaccines.

The anthrax vaccine has been used for more than 30 years, and the National Academy of Sciences and six panels of civilian scientists confirm the vaccine is safe and effective.

Bioport, the company that produces the anthrax vaccine, received FDA approval in January 2001.

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# Medical group expands flu shot availability

**By Tech. Sgt. Scott Davis** Public affairs

Everyone in the Grand Forks Air Force Base community can now get their flu shots, according to 319th Medical Group officials.

"We just received a batch of 1,640 doses," said Tech. Sgt. David Cloninger, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Allergy/Immunization Clinic. "We can now open the program to all beneficiaries."

Eligible beneficiaries include all retirees, family members and Department of Air Force civilians.

The vaccine is administered first to military members on mobility status, and then is made available to all military members, Cloninger said. When 90 percent of the military population has been vaccinated, the clinic opens the program to all other beneficiaries.

Through Tuesday, the clinic had administered more than 2,200 shots, and Cloninger estimates that more than 7,500 will be given this flu season.

Some individuals are at higher risk of serious illness from the flu because of other conditions. These include people with pulmonary, cardiac or metabolic diseases like asthma, diabetes or heart disease; pregnant women in their second or third trimester; people age 65 and older; and infants age 6 to 24 months.

"The flu shot may prevent some individuals from catching some strains of the disease," Cloninger said. "It decreases the chance of catching the virus."

#### News

#### Anthrax, from Page 3

Despite controversies and misinformation in the public, Department of Defense leadership has always been fully committed to protecting its soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. "Health and safety are our number one concerns," said Col. Keye Sabol, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander. "Our people are too valuable to leave them less than protected. The threat from anthrax is deadly and real, and this vaccine is the best protection we have against it."

Enemies who might use anthrax on US service members "think differently than we do" Tinc said. "We think of John Wayne and a fair fight out in the open.

"They think glory is dying. We think glory is coming back to our families. We have a different thought process than our enemies."

DOD has recognized information is key to understanding. Thus, each person has the opportunity to ask questions and meet with a provider before receiving his or her first shot.

"There are a lot of people with questions and legitimate concerns," Tinc said. "Many education tools are available." Facts are available on-line at <a href="https://www.anthrax.mil">www.anthrax.mil</a>.

In addition, the wing is showing an Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program video "Addressing a Grave and Urgent Threat" on Channel 3 at 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 pm. and 8 p.m. for the next few weeks. Three Powerpoint briefings discussing the anthrax vaccine are available for commanders and individuals. The base intranet site, known as "w3," has more information under "What's Hot."



Photo by Capt. Patricia Lang

Capt. Craig Enriques, 905th Air Refueling Squadron, and Maj. Steven Tinc, 319th Medical Group public health officer, discuss the anthrax vaccine during a recent briefing for commanders about the program.



Combined Federal Campaign

#### **Combined Federal Campaign continues**

Through the fourth week of the base Combined Federal Campaign, 78 percent of base members were contacted, and \$49,954 was collected to date, or 57 percent of the wing goal.

The CFC supports a variety of helpful charitable organizations. To make a donation or to find out more, contact your unit CFC representative.

Campaign runs through Nov. 15.

#### Great American Smokeout

Nov. 21

Join millions of other smokers who quit for a day!
Register at the base exchange Tuesday,
Wednesday and Nov. 15
15 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
For details call 747-5546.

### Weather officer explains what to expect this winter

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol Public affairs

Winter weather in North Dakota can go from one extreme to another. However, snowfall is not always the biggest worry for people – it's the cold and the wind.

"Average daily high temperatures from December to February range from 15 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit and overnight lows range from 5 to –5 degrees," said Capt. Rich Butler, wing weather officer with the 319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight. "The average annual snowfall though, is approximately 40 inches."

Butler said the last two winters here have been mild in comparison to historical averages for this area.

"That, of course, is with the exception of the 10 inches of snowfall we experienced in October 2001," Butler said. "The National Climate Prediction Center's outlook for December, January and February is for warmer-than-normal temperatures with snowfall amounts closer to the seasonal average. The warmer-than-normal forecast for the northern United States is based on an observed El Nino influence on global weather patterns."

For people new to the area, Butler offered advice about moving out and about during inclement weather.

"Always bundle up," Butler said. "Eliminate exposed skin and remember, it doesn't take long for frostbite to set in with the extreme wind chill temperatures we experience in our neck of the woods.

"People should also be prepared for it to take longer to travel from point A to point B," Butler said.

"Just because it's sunny outside when you leave your house, doesn't mean you can't find yourself in blizzard conditions

"All it takes is 25 to 30 mile-per-hour winds and freshly fallen snow to severely decrease visibility and cause extremely dangerous driving conditions."

At any time – 24 hours a day, seven days a week – people can find out the latest 24-hour weather forecast by calling the base snow line at 747-SNOW (7669).

"The 24-hour weather forecast for the base

"The 24-hour weather forecast for the base is updated every eight hours on the snow line," Butler said.

"Also, all significant snowfall, wind-chill, and wind warnings are posted on Channel 3 and on 'Warrior Weather' on the W3 Intranet Page."

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### Base celebrates America Recycles Day Nov. 15

**By Linda Olson** 319th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight

The base will celebrate America Recycles Day Nov 15. It's a campaign to educate the country about the economic, social, and environmental benefits of recycling and buying recycled products.

The base exchange, Envision store and base library will offer educational displays throughout next week. Free promotional items will be given out at each display. The displays will help educate purchasers on the requirements in Executive Order 13101 "Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquistion," and Grand Forks Air Force Base Instruction 32-110, Recycling and Affirmative Procurement Programs.

Base members can take a recycling quiz on the base daily administrative messages and win prizes. Everyone wins a prize. The community activity center is holding a recycling sculpture contest for age groups 5 to 8, 9 to 13 and 14 to 18. All entrees must be received by Thursday. Various prizes will be given out to the winners including \$15 for each age group.

An educational coloring book on recycling will be delivered to housing areas on base. Also, a flyer will be inserted explaining the base recycling program. The flyer also reminds residents that recycling is mandatory on base.

For details visit the America Recycles Day Website at http://www.americarecyclesday.org or call 747-4655.

# Assistant fire chief says use space heaters safely, wisely

By Master Sgt. Richard Lien Assistant fire chief

With the onset of cold weather, the fire prevention office again sees the emergence of portable space heaters.

To users, the heaters represent warm feet, but to the fire prevention office, they represent a dangerous ignition source that should only be used in a closely monitored area during an emergency.

Portable electric space heaters may require more electrical current than many of the circuits in our facilities are designed to support, especially when they are plugged into the light gauge wiring contained in modular office furniture systems. The result is overheated wiring and possible ignition.

The U.S. Consumer Products Safety

Commission estimates that space heaters, including both fixed and portable heaters, are associated with about 21,800 residential fires every year.

About 300 people die each year in fires started by space heaters. Other problems frequently encountered are damaged cords, missing protective grills, worn out switches, missing legs, etc.

These, combined with being placed too close to combustibles and left unattended, quickly become an open invitation to disaster.

The fire prevention office believes there are better options than putting a building, its contents, and occupants at risk with temporary heating devices.

When people see these devices in use, they should ask the following questions:

Is it really necessary?

Have the appropriate heating technicians been contacted to ensure that the facility heating system or your home furnace is operating properly?

Has the electrical supply been checked to ensure that overloading is not being incurred?

▶ Is the portable space heater in good operating condition?

Does the portable space heater have a "tip-switch" that will turn the power off if it is tipped over?

Does it have the Underwriters

Laboratory mark, certifying that it has been tested and found reliable?

▶ Is the portable space heater placed so that no combustibles are within three feet?

Is the portable space heater used only when responsible adults are present?

If the answer to any of the above questions is no, the potential for a fire is present and the heater must not be used until corrective action has been taken.

Although several other types of liquidfueled (kerosene) or compressed gas heaters are available, they are not authorized for use in Air Force facilities without the prior approval of authorized heating technicians or the fire department.

Call the fire prevention office at 747-4174 for details.

### **Base theater**

#### Today, 7 p.m.

Ballistic: Ecks vs Sever (R)

Jonathan Ecks (Antonio Banderas), an FBI agent, realizes that he must join with his lifelong enemy, Sever (Lucy Liu), a rogue NSA agent with whom he is in mortal combat, in order to defeat a common enemy. That enemy has developed a "microdevice" that can be injected into victims in order to kill them at will.

# Saturday, 7 p.m. One Hour Photo (R)

An employee (Robin Williams) at a one-hour photo lab grows obsessed with a suburban family that he's come to know through their pictures and begins to stalk them.

Nov. 15, 7 p.m. The Tuxedo (PG-13)

Nov. 16, 3 p.m.

Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)

Tickets: \$3 adults, \$1.50 children For details call 747-3021

## **Base chapel**

#### **CATHOLIC:**

**Mass:** 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel

No weekday Mass until Nov. 21

**Pray the Rosary:** Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m., Sunflower chapel

CCD: 10:45 a.m., Sundays, Twining

Elementary School

**Reconciliation:** 4 p.m. Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel

Christmas Choir/Band Practice: 1 p.m.,

Sunday, Sunflower Chapel

#### **PROTESTANT:**

Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sundays,

Sunflower Chapel.

Liturgical Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sundays,

Prairie Rose Chapel.

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m., Sundays,

Prairie Rose Chapel

**Singles:** 6 p.m. Fridays, meet at Prairie

Rose Chapel annex

**Youth:** 4 p.m., Sundays, meet at Youth Center **Religious Education:** 9 a.m., Sundays,

Eielson Elementary School.

**Men of the Chapel:** noon, Mondays, Prairie Rose Conference Room

#### **JEWISH:**

Call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124 for details.

#### **RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:**

Call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540 for details.

#### **MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:**

Call 747-5673 for details.

# SECAF, CSAF salute all who have served

Gen. John P. Jumper

Air Force chief of staff

Some 84 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was announced that silenced the guns of what was known throughout the world as the Great War.

A war-weary American private described his unit's observance in a letter home: "We stood up and didn't say a word. It felt as if I had dropped my pack after a long hike and straightened out my back, I was twice as light as any bird. But all we did was stand and stare. I stood up and stared and never said a thin bear thin bear of the Air Force Secretary of the Air Force faces the Toda

word."
Sadly, World War I was not the war to end all wars, and the Armistice Day of that era is known as Veterans Day, in salute of all

those who have served, fought and died for their country in the years since.

On Veterans Day we pause to reflect on those who, like that young private, have given so much to our nation. Through sacrifice, dedication, and courage they gave each of us the gift of freedom.

It is also a time to recognize the men and women who continue to serve in America's armed forces today around the world. Men and women who are standing watch on foreign soil, bringing food and medical supplies to people in distress, serving as peacekeepers in strife-

filled areas of the world, or fighting our war on terrorism.

If history has taught us anything, it is that Americans will bear any hardship, overcome any

obstacle and conquer any foe
in their pursuit of liberty and
justice — for themselves,
their children, their countrymen, and for those whose
faces they'll never see.

Today we are a different nation — challenged, yet stronger; less sheltered, yet more courageous; more appreciative of life; and, for those who serve our country, even more willing to risk our life for a greater cause.

To all who have worn our nation's uniform —

America is better for your service. Words fail to adequately express your contribution to our nation.

To each of you, our military men and women whom we honor today – whose dedication and loyalty are the strength of our military and exemplify the spirit, courage and patriotism that makes America great — we proudly salute you.

# Heritage month recognizes first Americans' contributions

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States, has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

#### **Early proponents**

One of the early proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for

three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day.

It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was



Dr. Arthur C. Parker was one of the originators for Native American observances.

issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians.

On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

#### State celebrations

The first American Indian
Day in a state was declared on
the second Saturday in May
1916 by the governor of New

York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

#### Heritage months

In 1990, President George Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

Source: United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Jackson

"Yooper"

Henry

### Veteran's Day reunites Tater with old northern friend

Editor's note: The people in this story are fictional in character and is a continuing story line of the original character Tater Hales created by Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton of the 319th Air Refueling Wing public affairs office.

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol and Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton Public affairs

Veterans Day was like every other for Tater Hales, he went out and remembered his former comrades in arms.

Timothy "Tater" Hales, 67, of Pigeon's Foot, Tenn., served his entire four-year term in the Korean War where he got to be a tougher man than he already is. This annual trek he makes to the local memorial in Pigeon's Foot is always tough for him, but this year was a bit different. This year he met an old ho friend he hadn't seen in nearly 50 years.

"Glad to see you again there Tater," said Tater's old war buddy from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, 72-year-old Jackson "Yooper" Henry, who stopped by Pigeon's Foot on his way to Florida. "I haven't seen you since we served in Kunsan together back in '53. I was hoping to see you here – what you been up to old-timer?"

Tater replied, "It's a full-time job with this old store I run up on the mountain. But other than that I'm doin' alright, how 'bout you?"

"I'm doing okay, even though I lost my wife Betsy last year," Yooper said. "Betsy always loved Veteran's Day. She would always invite all the VFW and Legion folks over to our place out in Tula, whip up a bunch of pasties and we'd talk about the old times. I really miss her so. She would have really done a big deal for this year,

considering all that's been going on eh."

"I watch a lot more news lately and with what's been going on I had to stop because I keep shooting a hole in my television sets," Tater said. "I get so mad with what I see on the news, especially with the terrorist attacks and them always threatnin' our freedoms.

"The other day was no different," Tater said. "I thought I'd take a portable

TV out in my boat and watch it, since I can't take my shotgun on the boat. And wouldn't you know it, I'm still trying to fish that TV set from the bottom of the lake. I wonder if catfish get cable.'

Yooper replied, "I see some things just never change with you, do they Tater? You're still as ornery

as that day you took out three foxholes. You just hated people shooting at you. Say Tater – do you still have that red, white and blue painted boat you said you always wanted to get back to in Korea?"

"Sure do!" Tater answered.

"Well I'll be a blaze orange monkey!" Yooper said. "You mean to tell me you've kept that thing going for nearly 50 years? You know that's great, just great. When you told me about that I thought I needed to do something patriotic as well so I painted my deer camp back home in red, white and blue. I even put up a flag pole."

Tater thought for an instant he thought he heard, seen and done just about everything. He could only answer, "That's great you crazy Yooper." After a quick laugh, Yooper got more serious.

"You know something else Tater, our commander in chief has done a good thing by declaring War on Terrorism," he said. "It makes me want to put on the old greens again, pick up a rifle, and show them ter-

rorists a thing or two. Send 'em back to the stone age I say."

Tater answered, "When those terrorists took those planes and killed all those Americans more than a year ago, it made my blood boil. Makes me want to put the old uniform back on too."

"Tater, I remember the day the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor," Yooper said. "I was

more steamed up over that than a stag in rutting season, but now that I reflect on it I think the President was right – we're in this for the long haul. And I'm not talking about haulin' wood either."

As patriotic as Tater is, one could not agree more than he did. You know we don't have to have a uniform on to give those snapperhead terrorists a what-for," Tater said. "I've got two twins here at the end of both of my arms that will

send those back-shooting cowards back where they belong. Give ol' Tater and Yooper five minutes in a cave with dem terrorists and their day will be over."

"Spoken like a true patriot," Yooper said. "It's like when we were back in Korea and our friends, Luke (Wilson) and Jake (Kincaid) were killed. It made me want to push that enemy so far back they'd be scrapin' their nose on the North Pole."

On this day they met, Yooper and Tater each planned to continue to stay in touch. As they were walking to their pickup trucks – Tater's 1974 Chevy and Yooper's 1968 Ford – they stopped by a young boy wearing a T-shirt with an American flag on it. The boy asked, "Are you guys our heros? If you are, thank you!"

Tater and Yooper were speechless for a moment. "Freedom isn't free," Tater said to the little boy. "Thanks for coming – you're a fine American."

Yooper added, "Thanks son for thanking a veteran. You just made my day."

# Warriors span out to support Veteran's Day

#### Compiled from staff reports

From the base honor guard to the Speaker's Bureau, some of the base's finest will represent the United States Air Force with speeches, flag folding ceremonies and other events during Veterans Day Monday. Following are events and areas where base members will be participating.

- ▶ Karlstad, Minn. Capt. Frank Virgadamo, 319th Mission Support Squadron, will speak at Tri-County High School Monday at 2 p.m. He will be providing a 10-15 minute speech to and estimated audience of 200 or more people. Also, the base honor guard will perform a flag-folding ceremony during the event.
- **Jamestown, N.D.** Chief Master Sgt. Robert Dandridge, 319th Operations Group first sergeant, will speak at the Jamestown All Vets Club Monday at 5 p.m. He will provide a 10 to 15 minute speech for an estimated audience of 200 or more people.
- ▶ Grafton, N.D. Master Sgt. Richard Lien, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department, will speak at 11 a.m. Monday in Grafton's 8th Street Marketplace. He will provide a 10 to 15 minute speech for an estimated audience is 150 or more people.
- Larimore, N.D. Col. Barbara Chine, 319th Mission Support Group commander, will speak in the Larimore American Legion Auxiliary Monday at 5 p.m. She will provide a 10 to 15 minute speech for an estimated audience of 200 or more people.
- **Lester Prairie, Minn.** Maj. Cathy Bartholomew, 319th Operations Group, will present a 10 to 15 minute speech for the Lester Prairie Veterans Day observance Monday. She will provide a 10 to 15 minute speech for an estimated audience of 600 or more people.
- Northwood, N.D. Maj. Joan Fournier, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, will speak during the Northwood observance Monday at 2 p.m. in the Northwood Nursing Home. She will provide a 10 to 15 minute speech for an estimated audience of 50 or more people.

# 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month

# History behind Veterans Day shows need to remember sacrifices

peace has in the past century evolved into recognition of those who keep the peace around the world

"Armistice Day" started in 1921 when an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

According to officials at the Department of Veteran Affairs, similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor – in England, at Westminster Abbey; in France, at the Arc de Triomphe.

These memorial gestures all took place Nov. 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918 – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar con-



Photo by Master Sqt. Mark Bucher

Earth would still be Armistice Day had WWI indeed been "the war to end all wars." But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe.

The national holiday

Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four-hundred-and-seventhousand of them died in service, more than 92,000 in battle.

An answer to the guestion of how to pay tribute to those who had served in

this latest, great war came in a proposal made by Rep. Edwin K. Rees of Kansas – change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and make it an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans Day.

oration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in

It soon became apparent, however, that Nov. 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978, Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

On Memorial Day 1958, the remains of two more unidentified Americans were interred in the plaza beside the unknown WWI soldier. One was killed in World War II. the other in the Korean War.

In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam conflict was placed alongside the others.

The remains of the Vietnam unknown were exhumed May 14, 1998. Based on mitochondrial DNA testing, Department of Defense scientists identified the remains as those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc. Vietnam, in 1972. It has been decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam unknown will remain vacant. An inscription on the crypt cover reads, "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen,

The decision to identify the Vietnam unknown did not affect the remains of the unknowns from World War I. World War II and the Korean War that are also at the A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemsite. To honor all Americans who gave their lives in all

U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard). keeps vigil day and night.

The memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns is the focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day. At 11 a.m. Nov. 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the

The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Source: Air Force Print

My moment with 'the man'

# Chuck yeages

## Yeager to speak at luncheon

By Capt. Tim MacGregor

The 366th Operations Group annua wards luncheon will be held in the enlister ub Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. Col. Jack Catton, 366th Op ander will host this year's event which

ures guest speaker, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) "This is going to be a great time for the



shows retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager in 1995.

That distinction is a hard one to come by in my book, mainly because very few people attain his status as having a permanent place in human history who still maintains a high sense of humility and thankfulness to the people who helped achieve that success.

A man whose roots were seeded from early on in the small who has served their country by being a military member. You that surrounds a man like Yeager, or you can see him for who

# By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

In the flight pattern of my Air Force career, which has now spanned more than 10-1/2 years, I've met many people who have made key contributions to what the Air Force is today.

Take for instance retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter who I met back in 1993 while stationed at Lajes Field, Azores. As one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, he was truly a groundbreaker and told me in a one-on-one interview the many challenges he faced while trying to gain respect during World War II.

He knew everything there was to know about the Tuskegee Airmen. As proof I still have a photo of Tuskegee pilots from the 1993 Promotion Fitness Examination manual with no names listed, but he took the time to hand write the names next to each person in the photo. I was genuinely

Then the next year at my next duty station at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, I met the first Air Force pilot to

receive the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War – retired Col. Bernie Fisher. In a videotaped interview at the Fisher home not far from the base, I learned the harrowing tale from Fisher who had landed his plane on a make-shift, shelled-out runway to rescue his fellow injured comrade whose plane had been destroyed. No less than half-way through the story,

Fisher broke into tears while maintaining a calm demeanor some 30-plus years after the event happened. There's no question what a contribution he made

But the most defining moment in my career thus far was the chance to meet retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager. That chance came in mid-February of 1995. At the time, Yeager came to Mountain Home to be the featured guest speaker for an operations group annual awards luncheon. As a staff writer for the base newspaper, I was afforded the opportuni-

ty to interview Yeager about his life as a military Yeager, of course, is best known for being

the first man to break the speed of sound. After the Bell X-1 launch from a B-29 on Oct. 14, 1947, he accelerated to a speed of Mach 1.06 at 42,000 feet and shattered the myth of the Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol once-dreaded "sound barrier" forever. The Bell X-1 aircraft that was Spectacular though it was, Yeager's first superused to break the speed of sonic flight represented just the beginning of a sound hangs from the rafters seven-year career at Edwards Air Force Base, of the National Air and Space Calif., during which he would establish himself

> world's fraternity of test pilots. What is not often mentioned about Yeager is he was a double ace in World War II. downing 13 enemy aircraft. He also flew 127 combat missions in South Vietnam during the

Museum in Washington D.C. as one of the truly legendary figures among the

All of his accomplishments are great, however, what I found to be most interesting about him was that he's simply a

## The above autographed copy of a base newspaper

down-to-earth person. In the 30 or so minutes I spent with him doing my interview, I also learned of his deep, deep respect for his fellow veterans and fallen comrades and that's what made me think of him as "the man."

town of Myra, W.V., Yeager appeared to me to be someone who considered himself no different than any other person can be awe-inspired and blinded by all the accomplishment he is – "the man."

## Local veteran relives, recognizes pain of lost friend

Grand Forks resident and military veteran

Editor's note: Harvey was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1961. He served in Vietnam as a military policeman and attained the rank of

It took decades to discover why Vietnam still haunted me. It was as though I was feeling pain but couldn't identify the source.

Different things gave life to the pain. Our flag whipping in the wind. Teaching my granddaughter to render honors to the American flag while watching a parade. Reliving the horror of a long ago day as the World Trade Center was phantom emounder terrorist attack. Hearing "Taps." Firemen standing at attention while a fallen brother was carried from "the pit."

Perhaps describing a parallel physical pain will help me explain.

I built my first Hi-Fi set back in high school, before the rise of stereos and store-bought electronics. I had learned to solder and completed the amplifier from a component kit. A friend of mine helped me turn the tone arm stand on his lathe. I held the turned piece while my friend drilled a hole for the wires. As the bit broke through the back of the stand, it got stuck in the hole and spun the piece at high speed.

Before I could let go, a narrow ridge left at the bottom of the stand had sliced into both of my thumbs and both index fingers. Not very deep, but it stung like the dickens. and blood was flowing at a good

With one mother and three sisters in the house, I was soon iodined, bandin 1966. aged and given lots of tender loving care. The wounds were minor and healed in just a

few days. Now, almost 45 years later, I

still get phantom pain twinges in

my fingers. Something will remind me of that day in my vouth, and I can almost feel the sting of the cuts.

In like manner, for most of my adult life, I have felt a phantom emotional twinge, but I was identify it. Hearing an electric drill can set off finger pain

twinges,

but there

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lus for the

Michael Harvey

the Army

bad memories.

healing began.

her not to dig up what might be

I said I was willing to tell her

she wanted to know everything.

That was a part of the phantom

man who saved my life in

pelling human interest story.

chance for my healing.

PhoneDisc CD-ROMs.

cery store in town.

Instead, she convinced me that I

was the one to contact Chet's fam-

A week after the story was

family. I have an old set of 1994

Wall listed Chet's hometown as

Poyen, Ark., but there were no

Lees listed in Poyen on the CDs.

in town. No newspaper listed for

to eat, so maybe there was a gro-

Sure enough, David Teel's

I next looked for a newspaper

printed, I began looking for Chet's

The printout from the Moving

I thought she might find a com-

Then, in June of 1998, my wife and I traveled about 80 miles north to Cavalier, where a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Wall was on display. While there, I made a charcoal rubbing of the name of a friend who died defending my hotel in Vietnam from a terrorist attack.

Standing at that awesome wall, I again felt that emotional twinge stronger than ever on this day of remembrance and homage.

When we got home, I wrote the story of that day in North Dakota together with that April day in Vietnam.

> hard drive. In October 2001, the **Grand Forks** Herald asked from their readers to be printed in a special Veteran's Day section of the

by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol Harvey realized the pain of a twinge remind lost comrade from Vietnam ed me of the story of the

> Moving Wall. I printed a copy, placed it in an envelope and mailed it to the newspaper. I did not take time to reread it, as the story was of a painful time.

received my story asked if I still had the original rubbing of my friend's name to go with the story. I searched every likely place, but the

> rubbing was not to be found. Margo, my wife, made

> > one last attempt and found the rubbing and a printout from our visit. Perhaps the rubbing and the story were meant to be together.

Shortly after the story was printed, I received an email from a cousin. She had read the story and was glad to finally learn some of what

had happened during my time in On several occasions she had tried to ask me questions, but the to communicate. older generation had admonished

After a fast 20 minutes, her husband, Paul, came home, and Helen asked if he could join the conversation. Of course

anything she might want to know; As we talked, Helen learned emotion;. I had stories to tell, and attack.

no one had ever asked before. The At this same time, I tried to persuade the Herald staffer to conperhaps more perceptive, may tact the family of Chester Lee, the

The fourth soul did not speak, ily. Maybe she recognized another of course. Instead, a feeling of and this-is-as-it-should-be was shared by everyone.

> We three speakers went from less than an hour.

The questions started slowly and soon were coming fast from each of us, but then slowed to a

We all realized that we three Poven. I figured that everyone has not only had all the time in the world to learn of each other, we four have all of eternity as well. Courtesy: Grand Forks Herald

with a telephone number.

A lady named Phyllis answered I explained who I was and that I was looking for the family of Chester Lloyd Lee, who died in Vietnam on April 1, 1966. To my amazement, Phyllis said she knew of the family and asked me to call back in two hours.

After the allotted time, plus one extra hour of being chicken, I was once again talking to Phyllis.

She had found the number of Chet's sister. Helen Walker, who lived in Poyen. Man, that was enough for one day! I was drained, and the twinge was really throbbing somewhere deep inside.

The next day, a Sunday, I waited until about 2 p.m. to make the call to Arkansas. Helen answered the call.

At first, we were both a little taken aback that we were actually in contact. Both of us were concerned for the feelings of the other.

Gradually, the strangeness faded, and we began to communicate. Not just talk to each other but

more and more about me and the fate of her brother in that terrorist

Someone counting noses would report that three people were having a conversation. Someone else, have counted four souls communi-

That phantom emotional twinge I have tried to describe was humming. The healing reached a new

friendship and family and harmony

strangers to friends to family in

more contemplative tempo.

# Beauty and beasts: Annual Halloween trick or treat brings out best in costumes



### **Community**

#### **Today**

#### **AUTUMN LEAF DECORATION**

Sign up today for the skills development center's autumn leaf decoration workshop Wednesday and Nov. 20 (two-day class) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

#### **SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR**

The family support center holds its "Smooth Move" seminar today from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This relocation seminar assists military members and their families in preparing to move. Speakers for the seminar include people from the traffic management office, legal, TRICARE, Exceptional Family Member Program, finance, military equal opportunity office, FSC, housing office and the veterinary clinic. Call 747-3241 to sign up or for details.

#### FRIDAYS AT LIBERTY SQUARE

Open skating at Liberty Square is tonight for ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental. The teen center at Liberty Square will also be open tonight for ages 13 to 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

#### DANCING AT THE CLUB

Come out to the Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and dance to 'Club Mix' music with "DJ C."

#### Sunday

#### FOOTBALL FRENZY

Join the Club for "Football Frenzy" today at noon; NFL Sunday Ticket - Total of four games on at one time!

#### **Monday**

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The skills development center will be closed today for Veteran's Day, and Nov. 28

through Dec. 1 for Thanksgiving.

#### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Come to the Club tonight for more "Football Frenzy" for Monday Night Football Starter in the Sports Bar.

#### **CANDY BINGO**

Every Monday for ages 6 to 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the youth center.

#### **Tuesday**

#### YOUTH CENTER

Today is the last day to sign up for the teen "pool party" set for Nov. 16 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. for ages 13 to 18 at the base pool. Need 15 sign ups to hold, parent permission slip is required. Cost is \$5.

#### PLANNING HOLIDAY SPENDING

The family support center is holding a class Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to help people plan their budgets for holiday spending. Call 747-6437 to sign up or for details.

#### Wednesday

#### WINNIPEG SHOPPING

Sign up by today for outdoor recreation's Nov. 16 Winnipeg shopping trip. Bus departs at 8 a.m. from outdoor recreation and returns same evening. Cost for transportation only is \$15.50 per adult, \$8 children 12 and under accompanied by an adult.

#### FRAMING WORKSHOP

The skills development center will be holding a framing workshop Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only two classes left before the holidays! Cost is \$20 plus materials, please bring a picture to frame.

#### PRETEEN GEOGRAPHY BEE

This contest is 5:30 p.m. today in the youth center for ages 9 to 12.

### Community

#### Wednesday

#### EVENING DINING AT THE CLUB

The "Frontier Grill" menu is offered every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Club. Wednesday nights are half-price starters and Thursday nights the kid's menu is half price.

#### FINANCIAL REFRESHER

The family support center holds its financial management refresher training Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the FSC. This training is required for all first term airmen E-4 and below upon arrival at their second or subsequent duty station. Call 747-6437 to sign up or for details.

#### PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

The family support center holds its family readiness/personal preparedness seminar Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the FSC. This is a pre-deployment requirement. Call 747-3241 to sign up or for details.

#### TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

The family support center holds a three-day transition assistance seminar Wednesday through Nov. 14 in the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. This seminar is provided by the FSC, Job Service of North Dakota and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Topics addressed include self-assessment, resume writing, interviewing, federal employment, veterans' benefits, TRICARE and more. This seminar is strongly recom-

mended for military people who are within 18 to 24 months of their projected retirement or separation. Call 747-6436 to sign up or for details.

#### **Thursday**

#### RECYCLING DAY SCULPTURES

All entries for the Recycling Day Sculpture Contest must be finished and on display at the community activity center no later than today. Judging will take place Nov. 15.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The base Native American Heritage Month Committee is holding a youth activity at the community activity center at 4 p.m. There will be movies, painting and arts and crafts. All youth are invited.

#### \$1 LUNCH DAY

It's dollar lunch day at the Club again. The menu will be baked and fried chicken and will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This lunch is for member's only.

#### INTERVIEWING TIPS CLASS

The family support center holds an interviewing tips class Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon in the FSC. Learn what to do and what not to do during an interview, potential questions and answers and salary negotiation for a new job. Call 747-6435 to sign up or for details.

#### **Upcoming**

#### RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS

There will be an American Red Cross babysitting class Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the base Red Cross office, located in the same building as the family support center. Cost to sign up is \$30. Call 747-3855 to sign up. If there is no answer, leave a message. The Red Cross office is open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Friday.

#### **COMEDY NIGHT**

The Club is having a Comedy Night at 7 p.m. Nov. 16. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Club members receive a \$2 discount.

#### STUFFED TABLE-TOP PUMPKIN

The skills development center will hold a Stuffed Table-Top Pumpkin Workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov 18. Cost is \$7.50 plus supplies. This is a great class for beginning sewers. Sign up is by Nov. 16.

#### SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Club is having its next Super Sunday brunch Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy two meats, biscuits & gravy, eggs, fruit, waffles, omelets and more. The next Sunday Brunch is Dec 1.

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER ORDERS

Let the Club do your Thanksgiving Day dinner for you. The dinner includes a 12 lb. Turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie, serves a family of four or five all for \$49.95.

Spouses of deployed get \$5 off. Pick up the dinner from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 28. Place orders by Nov. 21 at the Club or call 747-3392.

## THANKSGIVING DAY CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The sports and fitness center is open Thanksgiving Day and will hold the first Thanksgiving Day Co-ed Volleyball Tournament.

Games start at 9 a.m. and there will be breaks throughout the day so everyone can enjoy their Thanksgiving meal. Sign up your four-person team by Nov. 25 at the sports and fitness Center.

For details call Tech. Sgt. Pete Bruni at 747-3384.

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Airey dining facility will serve Thanksgiving dinner from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 28. Breakfast hours that day are 6 to 8 a.m. and midnight meal is 11 p.m. to midnight.

Get a team together and order a Thanksgiving Take-out Meal from The Club (\$49.95 for 12-pound turkey with the all the trimmings - serves four to five people)

Call the Club at 747-3392 for details.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION SKI TRIP

Outdoor recreation, as part of its "Ski Express" schedule, will have an "early bird special" trip Nov. 30.

The location will be Frost Fire or Buena Vista (whichever is open and weather permitting).

# 8K race honors veterans

# Runners sought for cross country run Monday

#### Compiled from staff reports

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the fourth Veterans Day cross country race in Grand Forks Nov. 11.

"The time and date shouldn't be too hard to remember," said Dr. Earl Beal, race director and director of the family support center. "It is set to commemorate the signing of the armistice, which ended World War I. Therefore, the race will begin on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month."

Because of the significance of the day, members of the Grand Forks Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1874 and a special military detail consisting of family support center, Airman Leadership School, and the local Air Force recruiter detachment personnel will conduct a brief memorial service just prior to the race, Beal said.

To start the event, the honorary race director will once again be a World War II veteran from the greater Grand Forks area. This year it will be Anna Hoffmann Walker, Beal said. She was an Army nurse stationed in England during the height of the war (1943 to 1945) helping the wounded to survive their injuries from most of the major battles of Europe during World War II.

Additionally, Hoffmann was the target of constant bombing, including the infamous "buzz" bombs, sent by the Germans.

The FSC, the Grand Forks Park District and the Grand

Forks VFW are running the event along with the support of the Red River Chapter of the American Red Cross as well as the students from the ALS class along with many community volunteers. This community event is designed to pay respect to all veterans and at the same time foster year-round aerobic events and activities along the newly-proposed Greenway in Grand Forks.

"First, we are actively involved in fostering family wellness through these activities," Beal said. "Second, we are constantly networking with local agencies to enhance the outlets and resources available to the base community. Finally, we are strongly committed to ensuring that a military perspective is presented when any community planning is involved."

The event will be a cross country-style race along the proposed future Greenway, Beal said. It will be eight kilometers (nearly five miles) long and will begin and end at the Lincoln Park Golf Course clubhouse (just off Belmont Road between 24th and 13th Streets in Grand Forks). All finishers will receive a medal, and a trophy will be presented to the top male and female finisher.

The entry fee is \$10 before Monday and \$12 on the day of the race. Race applications can be picked up at the FSC, base fitness center, health and wellness center, or any unit on base, Beal said.

"There is also an international flavor to the event," Beal said, "by the interest expressed by the Canadian forces from Winnipeg (it is also Remembrance Day in Canada)." The course record is held by Lt. Steve Henderson, formerly of the 319th Operations Group in a time of 28 minutes.

Additionally, several area running clubs have indicated a desire to present a challenge to other race participants,



Photo by Staff Sat. Scott T. Sturkol

A runner heads for the finish line of the 2001 Veterans Day race at Lincoln Park Golf Course in Grand Forks.

Beal said. Also, refreshments will be available immediately after the race at the clubhouse.

Beal encourages airmen and their families to take this opportunity to recognize veterans by participating in this unique event."

### Motorists warned to watch for deer on roads

North Dakota Game and Fish Department big game biologist Bill Jensen advises motorists to slow down and drive cautiously after dark to reduce the likelihood of encounters with deer along roadways.

October, November and December are peak months for deer-vehicle

accidents because of increased activity of deer during breeding season, youngof-the-year are dispersing from their home ranges, and fall movements to wintering cover.

"Drivers are reminded that vigilance is the best defense," Jensen said. "Most deer-vehicle collisions occur during the dawn and dusk hours when deer are most active."

Most collisions happen in late fall during morning and evening hours when



motorists are driving to and from work.

Twenty-two percent of deer-vehicle accidents occur between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., while 13 percent fall between 5:30 and 7:30 a m

Deer-vehicle collisions have increased gradually over the past

decade. Approximately 42 percent of the annual deer-vehicle collisions occur during October, November and December, with 20 percent occurring between Oct. 25 to Nov. 25. An estimated 88 percent occur under dark or limited light conditions.

Deer-vehicle accidents are at times unavoidable. However, a few precautions can minimize your chances of injury or property damage in a deervehicle crash. Always wear your seat belt.

Don't swerve or take the ditch to avoid hitting a deer. Try to brake as much as possible and stay on the roadway.

Don't lose control of your vehicle or slam into something else to miss the deer. You risk less injury by hitting the deer.

▶ When you see one deer cross the road, look for a second or third deer to follow.

If you spot deer ahead, slow down immediately and honk your horn.

Pay attention on roadways posted with Deer Crossing Area caution signs. They are there for good reason.

No published research supports the effectiveness of deer whistles on vehicles. Deer can't hear ultrasonic frequencies.

Sources: North Dakota Game and Fish Department, American Family Insurance

#### Deer season questions, answers

When the 2002 deer gun season opens at noon today, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department will have issued a record number of licenses. That means a lot of hunters in the field, and many questions from people who want to clarify rules prior to or during hunting season.

#### What licenses do I need for deer gun season?

A fishing, hunting, and furbearer certificate, which is the paper to which all stamps are attached; the general game and habitat stamp or a sportsman's license, and the deer license. In addition, if you are going to hunt on tribal lands, you may be required to have an additional license from the tribe. Gratis license holders need only the gratis license itself.

#### What are season dates and shooting hours?

Deer season statewide opens today at noon central time (11 a.m. mountain time) and runs through Sunday, Nov. 24. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

#### When can I use a second season license?

These licenses may be used in any open season provided all details printed on the license (unit, sex, and species) are followed and you hunt with the appropriate weapon. For example, you may use a second license during the muzzle-loader season, but you must hunt with a muzzle-loader.

Source: North Dakota Game and Fish Department